GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:451
ANSWERED ON:23.12.2005
SUPPLY OF COAL TO THERMAL POWER PLANTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prescribed the quality of coal to be supplied to the Thermal Power Plants in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether coal of the prescribed grade is being supplied to the Thermal Power Plants, particularly in Madhya Pradesh;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government proposes to take any action for ensuring supply of proper quality coal to the Power Plants; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI)

(a) to (f) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 451 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 23.12.2005 REGARDING SUPPLY OF COAL TO THERMAL POWER PLANTS.

(a) & (b) : The thermal power plants are designed for the quality of coal available from the linked sources. As per notification of the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MOEF), power stations situated in specified locations as mentioned below are to use raw or beneficiated or blended coal with an ash content not exceeding thirty four per cent (34%) on annual average basis with effect from 1st June, 2002:-

The power stations which are located beyond 1000 kilometer from pit-head; and

The power stations which are located in urban area or sensitive area or critically polluted area irrespective of their distance from pit-head except any pit-head plant.

There are 35 such thermal power plants in the country.

(c) to (f) : Coal of the required quality is generally supplied to the thermal power plants all over the country, including the state of Madhya Pradesh. However, none of the 4 power plants situated in Madhya Pradesh comes under the criterion specified in the aforesaid notification of MOEF. In Madhya Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh Power Generating Company and National Thermal Power Corporation are having joint sampling and analysis agreements with the companies supplying Coal. This ensures regular quality audit of the coal supply to the power stations and payment by them according to the analyzed grades of coal. However, whenever oversize coal or coal with extraneous matter is received at any thermal power plant, the matter is taken up with the coal companies/Ministry of Coal for suitable action.